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Plants are one of the major sources for the biologically active organic compounds and play a key role in medicinal chemistry for the treatment of various diseases [1]. DIAMS method is able to determine the secondary metabolites of complex vegetal extracts. The high throughput analyses of vegetal extracts are relatively difficult to perform in MALDI mass spectrometry, since the preparation of the sample involves the co-crystallization of the matrix with the analyte. Moreover irradiation of the matrix ion produces many low-m/z vs high-intensity ions preventing the detection of low molecular weight molecules such as secondary metabolites. We have developed a matrix-free alternative to MALDI analyses by the means of an original desorption/ionization on *self-assembled monolayers surfaces* (DIAMS) technique [2]. Monolayers were formed by using novel thiophene and coumarin-triazole analogues that absorbs the laser beam at 337nm. We herein disclose our findings with respect to the DIAMS method which is well suitable for the detection and quantification of the low molecular weight compounds that are present in plant extracts. Some of the isoquinoline alkaloids from the root extracts of *Thalictrum flavum* have been detected by the DIAMS method. Indeed, this technique would be promising suitable for the qualitative and quantitative analysis of polar and non-polar organic components that are widely distributed in the plants, without any preliminary chromatographic resolution [3].

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